

PARISH EVENTS

Today, August 11 Fr. Edison Yohannan from India at 9 o'clock and 11 o'clock Mass ❖ Scarborough Mission collection **17** Pilgrimage to Midland **September 3** Married Couples Club at 7 PM **4** 24 hours Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for the spiritual and moral renewal of Hungary **7** Registration to Hungarian School, Kindergarten, Scouts ❖ Concert of Katalin Pitti in the church at 6 PM **14** First classes at the Hungarian School and Kindergarten ❖ Beginning of Scout activities. **22.** Lunch organized by Caritas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ Today, at all masses, **Rev. Edison Yohannan** will be speaking about the works and needs of his Mission Diocese in India. The Latin Archdiocese of Trivandrum has about 270,000 Catholics. 90% of them are traditional fishermen who depend on fishing for their livelihood and 10% are farm workers who are recent converts from low caste Hindus. "Harvest is plentiful but laborers are few!" Unemployment and poverty are most rampant in this community. The Archdiocese depends on outside assistance to support its clergy, seminarians and Catechists and to continue its spiritual, educational and economic developmental programs for this community. Many coastal villages of the Archdiocese are still struggling to recover from the recent tsunami devastation which destroyed many lives, homes, and fishing equipment. We are making progress! Yet one of our challenges is to find safe land away from the sea to build homes for the victims. Won't you be as generous as you can in the second collection? Your sacrifice for the Missions is very much appreciated.

❖ Catholic Missions in Canada www.cmic.info/ **Scarboro Missions** www.scarboromissions.ca Commonly known as "the shared collection". Funds are split equally between these two mission groups for the promotion of gospel values. Catholic Missions In Canada, founded in 1908, fosters and extends the blessings of the Catholic faith by supporting missions in regions of our country where the population is too small, or the economic situation of the community is too fragile for the people themselves to support their local Church and its ministry. Scarborough Missions, formerly the Scarborough Foreign Mission Society, founded in 1918, is involved in mission work overseas. Today, Scarborough priests and lay missionaries work side by side and in

cooperation with other mission groups all over the world as they seek to serve in creative and new endeavours where the Gospel has not been heard, to encounter and celebrate God's presence in the life, history, culture and faiths of those they meet, to live simply and in solidarity with the poor and marginalized people of the world.

Reflections on the Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention

***Mission Intention** - The Church in Africa
That the local Church in Africa, faithfully proclaiming
the Gospel, may promote peace and justice.*

Last year Pope Benedict issued *Africae Munus*, an Apostolic Letter calling for peace, justice, and reconciliation in the conflict-torn continent of Africa. The Pope's letter summarized the discussions of the African bishops in their conference of 2009. We pray this month that this document may not be ignored, but that it may be faithfully implemented by African Catholics, proclaiming and living the Gospel.

According to *Africae Munus*, "God himself shows us what true justice is.... Christ does not propose a revolution of a social or political kind, but a revolution of love, brought about by his complete self-giving through his death on the Cross and his resurrection. The Beatitudes are built upon this revolution of love. They provide a new horizon of justice through which we can become just and can build a better world. God's justice is already manifest here and now, wherever the poor are consoled and admitted to the banquet of life."

Shortly after he was elected, Pope Francis told ambassadors to the Vatican that he chose his name out of love for the poor. He said that the spiritual poverty of our world has led to the conflicts that plague Africa. He said: "Fighting poverty, both material and spiritual, building peace and constructing bridges: these, as it were, are the reference points for a journey that I want to invite each of the countries here represented to take up."

Responding to these words, we join Pope Francis this month in praying that we, along with our African brothers and sisters, may live and proclaim the Gospel as it is summed up in the Beatitudes, so that we may all promote peace and justice in Africa and throughout the world.

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